

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, Applicants have canceled claims 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 18 and 22; amended claims 1, 10, 19, 21 and 23; and added new claims 25-31 for consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, remaining in the application are independent claim 1 with its dependent claims 2, 3, 9 and 25-27; independent claim 10 with its dependent claims 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 28 and 29; and independent claim 21 with its dependent claims 23, 24, 30 and 31.

Rejections on the Art

The Office Action indicates that independent claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bockley et al. Dependent claims 2, 3, 11 and 20 are similarly rejected under Bockley. As amended, independent claims 1 and 10 now recite limitations that are not taught or disclosed in Bockley. As such, claims 1 and 10, as well as those dependent therefrom, have overcome the rejections set forth in the present Office Action.

The Office Action further states that independent claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious and, therefore, unpatentable over Bockley in view of Fontana. Additionally, the Office Action states that claims 9, 12, 19, 23 and 24 are rejected under the same statute over Bockley in view of Arlt. As amended, independent claim 21 now recites features not taught or disclosed in either Bockley or Fontana. As such, claim 21, as well as claims 23 and 24 dependent therefrom, have overcome the rejections set forth in the present Office Action. Furthermore, claim 9 and claims 12 and 19 that respectively depend from claims 1 and 10 have also overcome these rejections.

As mentioned in the previous response, Kosmatka relates to metal-halide high-pressure arc discharge lamps. As the Examiner knows, however, the present application is directed to incandescent lamps, and incandescent lamps operate on significantly different principles and at significantly different temperatures and wavelengths than arc discharge lamps. Additionally, incandescent light sources are normally treated or analyzed as line sources due to the structure of the filament. In contrast, arc discharge lamps provide an amorphous or fluid-like pool of light. While it might be asserted that Kosmatka is "analogous art" for the purposes of an obviousness-type evaluation since it is a light source, one skilled in the art would readily recognize the differences in these types of lamps and would not have any motivation to modify or combine Kosmatka, as proposed.

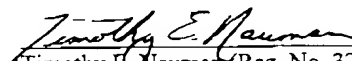
What's more, Bockley, Arlt and Fontana each disclose a complete lamp arrangement and provide full solutions to the problems and disadvantages mentioned therein. These references, along with Kosmatka, provide no readily apparent suggestion or motivation for forming a combination, absent the teachings of the present application. As such, Applicant respectfully submit that the subject claims, as presently amended, define over the prior art of record, both individually and in combination.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments and discussion are fully responsive to the latest Office Action and that the claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the prior art of record for the reasons stated. Accordingly, the subject application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnest solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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